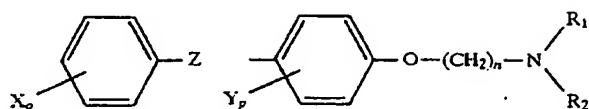


CLAIMS

What I claim is:

1. A method of chemotherapy in human patients with metastatic breast cancer, which comprises:

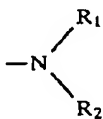
(a) first administering to said patients at least one diphenyl compound of the formula:



wherein X and Y are each fluorine, chlorine or bromine, Z is an alkylene group of 1 to 3 carbon atoms or =C=O, or the phenyl groups are joined to form a tricyclic ring, o and p are 0 or 1, R₁ and R₂ are an alkyl each group containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms or are joined together to form a heterocyclic ring with the nitrogen atom and n is 1, 2 or 3, or pharmaceutically-acceptable salts thereof, and

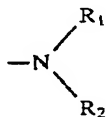
(b) following sufficient time to permit inhibition of binding of intracellular histamine, subsequently administering to the patient an anthracycline chemotherapeutic agent and a taxane chemotherapeutic agent.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the group



is a diethylamino group, a dimethylamino group, a morpholino group or a piperazino group.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the group



is a diethylamino group, Z is -CH₂, n is 2 and o and p are each 0.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein diphenyl compound is in the form of a hydrochloride salt.
5. The method of claim 1 wherein said anthracycline chemotherapeutic agent is doxorubicin or epirubicin.
6. The method of claim 4 wherein said anthracycline chemotherapeutic agent specific for breast cancer is doxorubicin or epirubicin.
7. The method of claim 1, 4, 5 or 6 wherein said taxane chemotherapeutic agent is Taxol or Taxotere.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein said diphenyl compound is administered to the patient about 30 to about 90 minutes prior to said administration of said chemotherapeutic agents.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein said time is about 60 minutes.
10. The method of claim 7 wherein said diphenyl compound is administered by intravenous infusion of a solution thereof over a period of time of up to about 90 minutes prior to administration of said chemotherapeutic agent and is maintained during administration of said chemotherapeutic agent.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein said diphenyl compound is administered for about 60 minutes prior to administration of said chemotherapeutic agent and is maintained during about 20 minutes intravenous infusion of said chemotherapeutic agent.
12. The method of claim 8 wherein said diphenyl compound is administered in an amount of about 0.1 to about 75 mg/kg of said patient.
13. The method of claim 9 wherein said amount is about 3 to about 10 mg/kg of patient.
14. The method of claim 10 wherein said diphenyl compound is administered in an amount of about 3 to about 10 mg/kg of patient.
15. The method of claim 11 wherein said diphenyl compound is administered in an amount of about 6 mg/kg.
16. The method of claim 12 wherein said chemotherapeutic agents are administered in a total amount of about 10 to about 250 mg/M² of patient.

17. The method of claim 15 wherein said anthracycline chemotherapeutic agent is administered in an amount of about 50 mg/M² of patient and taxane chemotherapeutic agent is administered in an amount of 175 mg/M² for Taxol or 75 mg/M² for Taxotere.